

MANITOWOC COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2024  
County Office Complex, Rm 300

LCC Chairman, Ryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Ryan Phipps, Lee Engelbrecht, Tim Jadowski, Larry Bonde, Scott Schiesl and Ted Hoffman were present. Michael Slattery was excused.

**Also, in attendance:** David Wetenkamp (SWCD), Jayna Hintz and Angie Ulness (UW-Extension).

**Agenda: Motion** to approve the April 18, 2024 agenda was made by Lee Engelbrecht and seconded by Larry Bonde. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** Minutes will be provided and approved at the next scheduled LCC meeting.

**New LCC Members, procedure & elections:** LCC Chairman Phipps welcomed supervisors and committee members to the LCC after election changes and appointments were made from the County Board Chairman and Board. New members Larry Bonde & Scott Schiesl were welcomed and each LCC member introduced themselves and shared a bit of background information about themselves. Per County Code, Chairman Phipps requested members to consider nominations to elect a Vice Chair & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. **Motion** by Supervisor Bonde to nominate Supervisor Engelbrecht as Vice Chair, was seconded by Supervisor Schiesl. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Ted Hoffman to nominate Supervisor Bonde as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None.

**2024 Soil & Water Conservation Department (SWCD) Projects Update:**

- A. **Farmer to Farmer Meetings:** SWCD Director shared results of the (4) recent community-based meetings that were organized by the SWCD (Tara Wachowski, Cheyenne Behnke & JeriLynn Zutz), UW-Extension (Angie Ulness) and Producer Led Group (PLG) called, the Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative (SRSC). These meetings were set up to introduce the new group, its members, goals and initiatives. The SRSC attended the Manitowoc County Forage Council Meeting and also had open meetings and discussions at the Memee Town Hall, Franklin Town Hall and a local restaurant. The group had gotten positive responses and interested parties willing to become new members. SWCD Director explained the basic goals of the farmer led group.
- B. **Garden Club Presentation:** By request from a local community-based group, Manitowoc County SWCD Grants & Education Coordinator, Tara Wachowski, put together a PowerPoint presentation outlining and discussing the main goals, work projects and responsibilities of the department. Questions were asked and discussed on issues ranging from lakes, rivers, groundwater, soils and invasive species. The group thanked the staff for their willingness to come and present.
- C. **Pollinator Kits:** The SWCD promotes conservation and wildlife habitat projects. Currently pollinator seed kits are available at the SWCD Office for \$15.75. The kit contains enough carrier, nurse crop and prairie seed to grow a 1000 sq.ft. pollinator friendly prairie to promote healthy backyards and landscapes.
- D. **Farmland Preservation Plan Update:** The SWCD and Planning & Zoning Department staff met with Bay Lakes Regional Planning Commission on April 9, 2024 to review and discuss progress on the 10-Year update of the Manitowoc County Farmland Preservation Plan. Discussions revolved around updating maps, land-use & agricultural changes in the county and proofing statistics and data for accuracy. Next meeting will take place in June, date and time TBD.

**County Board Resolution (2024-SW-4A2 Res Authorizing Manure Grant):** A grant from the North American Manure Expo Board was awarded to Manitowoc County for \$2500 to develop and pilot a county wide GIS/GPS live hazards map for animal waste spreading improvements. Resolution was passed by County Board on April 16, 2024.

**County Board Resolution (2024-SW-7A2 Res Authorizing North Central Region Sustainable Research and Education Grant):** The SWCD Department has applied for and is eligible to accept a \$6000 2024 North Central Youth Educator Grant from federal funds for Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Projects. Resolution was passed by County Board on April 16, 2024.

**LCC approval to apply for WDNR NOD Grant & Draft Resolution:** SWCD Director explained that for several years the WDNR and Manitowoc County SWCD have been cooperating together on a project to address runoff pollution concerns. In order to install best management practices to correct the runoff concerns the WDNR has grants available to allocate funds to help with these situations. The director presented a draft resolution to the LCC to consider and approve efforts to obtain grant funding for this project. All costs spent by the county will be reimbursed back to Manitowoc County by the WDNR. Motion to approve was made by Larry Bonde and was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. Chairman Phipps requested the addition of adding language in the motion to approve based on review and approval by Corp Counsel. **Motion** by Supervisor Bonde to pursue the NOD Grant through final resolution as reviewed and approved by Corp Counsel, was seconded by Supervisor Engelbrecht. Motion carried unanimously

**SWCD Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements:** (11) contracts totaling \$43,908 for nutrient management plans and grass waterway projects were submitted to the LCC for review and approval. Supervisor Engelbrecht asked questions on details of a nutrient management plans cost. Clarification was provided. **Motion** to approve was made by Larry Bonde and was seconded by Lee Engelbrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting Date(s) & Time:** May 16, 2024, 4:45 p.m.

**Adjournment:** **Motion** to adjourn by Lee Engelbrecht was seconded by Scott Schiesl at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Wetenkamp  
Department Director

Minutes recorded: David Wetenkamp